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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT FRANCE SERVE AS U.S. PROTECTING
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1. U.S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON WILL BE CLOSED EFFECTIVE
APRIL 30. HOWEVER, WE STILL HAVE RESIDUAL INTERESTS IN
SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH REQUIRE PROTECTION. WHILE FULL
EXTENT OF THESE INTERESTS IS NOT YET CLEAR, AT A MINIMUM
THEY WOULD INCLUDE AMERICANS WHO ARE STAYING BEHIND,
SUCH AS THOSE CAPTURED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS DURING
ATTACK ON BAN METHUOT MARCH 9, AND REAL PROPERTY OWNED
BY USG AND PRIVATE AMCITS.

2. IT APPEARS TO US THAT FRANCE WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FRIENDLY
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FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO SERVE AS U.S. PROTECTING

POWER. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU MAKE APPROACH TO
QUAI SOONEST TO ASK GOF IF IT WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSUME
SUCH ROLE ON BEHALF USG. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF YOUR
APPROACH BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. KISSINGER

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